GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIA-IRAN FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Iran have agreed for mutual cooperation to root out all forms of terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a)-(c) India and Iran share concerns on the menace of terrorism. The Tehran Declaration signed during Prime Minister`s visit to Iran in April 2001 condemned terrorism in all its forms. The Declaration also condemned states that aid, abet and directly support international terrorism and extremism and called on the international community to intensify its efforts to combat terrorism. In the Declaration, India and Iran reiterated their resolveto work to strengthen the international consensus and legal regimes against terrorism, including early finalisation of a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.

During the recently held Home/Interior Secretary level talks in January this year, both sides resolved to enter into close cooperation in eradicating the scourge of global terrorism.